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Troops Departing from Leisnig

EVALUATION

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18 and 19 April 1952

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1. On 18 and 19 April 1952, the troops stationed in the von dem Busche Kaserne and the Friedrich-August Kaserne on Colditzerstrasse, Leisnig (N 52/K 69), left by rail for the Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) troop training grounds. Units loaded at the Leisnig railroad station included:

On 18 April. A unit of 15 officers and about 120 EM with red-bordered black epaulets and 23 trucks at about 5 p.m.; and a unit of 21 officers and 280 EM with red-bordered black epaulets, armored scout cars Nos 091, 093, 094, 096 and 098, 2 unnumbered armored personnel carriers, 13 sidecar motorcycles, 2 canvas-covered AA guns, and tank trucks [redacted] at 10 p.m.

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During the night of 18 April. A unit of about 20 officers and 130 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 3 unnumbered armored scout cars, 4 sidecar motorcycles, 5 tank trucks, 8 ambulances [redacted]

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A unit of about 110 officers and 580 EM, 20 uniformed women, and a 13-piece band, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 6 women in civilian clothes, billeting equipment, ammunition, ration supply, signal equipment and 4 heavy machine guns on gun carriages.

On 19 April. A unit of about 25 officers and 220 EM with red-bordered black epaulets, SP guns Nos 045 through 061, and three tank hulls; and units composed of about 80 officers and 460 EM with red-bordered black epaulets, including 110 soldiers wearing steel helmets and light equipment,

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and equipped with SP guns Nos 062 through 065, 068 through 072, 074, 075 and 078 through 085, 14 trucks

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8 x 76.2-mm guns, 8 heavy machine guns on gun carriages, billeting equipment, ammunition and 5 field kitchens.

2. On 18 April, elements of the unit stationed at the von dem Busche Kaserne were loaded at the Leisnig railroad station. Vehicles observed on a troop train included T-34/85 Nos 012, 016, 021 and 062, JS-2 tanks Nos 038 and 044, 4 trucks and 2 radio trucks. About 17 sidecar motorcycles and 5 sedans were ready to be loaded. Numerous trucks hauled billeting equipment and baggage from the barracks installation to the railroad station. A railroadman stated that the loadings had started in the evening on 17 April and would last until 20 April. The troop trains were to be dispatched to Koenigsbrueck.

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- * Comment. Source of paragraph 1 reported on 16 April 1952 that units from the von dem Busche Kaserne in Leisnig had been entrained. See

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